as cell fusion, embryo rescue and recombinant DNA technology are being employed in harnessing genes from wild and weedy relatives.

The results from the biotechnology approaches having direct relevance to crop improvement activities have already started emerging. For example at the NRCPB at IARI protoplast fusion technology involving wild relatives of Brassica and cultivate *Brassica juncea* genotypes have yielded about 11 somatic hybrids wherein the segregating progenies arc providing rare recombinations having genes of economic importance transferred from the wild relatives to the cultivated genotypes. Also allien cytoplasm from the wild relatives have yielded three cytoplasmic male sterile systems for the exploitation of hybird vigour in Brassica.

To enhance fish production triploidy induction is a well established technique which produces sterile individuals with higher growth rate. This technique was standardised in *Cyprinus carpio* using thermal shock treatment to fertilised eggs.

With the objectives of obtaining better economic characters, *Catla Catla (male)* and *Labeo rohita* (female) were crossed and a hybird was produced having smaller head like rohu and body depth like Catla. The off springs were reared to maturity in different environments and were found to be fertile.

The technique of cryoprcservations used to preserve the milt of fish having outstanding economic traits. This milt can be used for fish breeding whenever required. The milt of *Labeo rohita* and *Clarias batrachus* was cryoprcscrvcd using various extenders and encouraging results having 65% sperm mortility upto 1 month of cryopreservation were recorded.

Amount earmarked for translation of books by Sahitya Academy

2010. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the amount earmarked for translation of books by Sahitya Academy during the last three years; language-wise; and

(b) the number of translated books published during the last one year, language-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE DEPARMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Sahitya Akademi does not allocate funds for translation of books language-wise,. However, the amount utilisd for translation of books during the last three years is as below:—

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Year	Amount
1992-93	16.80
1993-94	19.89
1994-95	11.88

(b) The information is in Statement.

Statement

Language-wise books of translation published during 1994-95.

SI. No.	Name of language	No. of books translated
1.	Assamese	5
2.	Bengali	S
3.	Dogri	1
4.	English	12
5.	Gujarati	5
6.	Hindi	30
7.	Kashmiri	2
8.	Konkani	3
9.	Maithili	2
10.	Marathi	4
11.	Oriya	4
12.	Punjabi	1
13.	Rajasthani	1
14.	Sanskrit	1
15.	Sindhi	2
16.	Tamil	10
17.	Telugu	1
18.	Urdu	6

Sick public sector drug companies

2011. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister for CHEMICALS XND FERTILIZERS be pleased to State:

(a) the details of public sector drug companies which arc sick at present;

(b) the details of the losses suffered by these companies, company-wise and year-wise for the last three years;

(c) the action being taken to revive them; and

(d) the details of the drugs imported during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) and (b) Four Central Public Sector Drug companies, namely, Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL), Bengal Immunity Ltd. (BIL), Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (BCPL) and Smith Stanistreet Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (SSPL) have been formally declared sick by the Board for Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). The net losses suffered by these companies in the last three years were as under:

Rs./Crorcs

Name of PSU	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
IDPL	83.44	69.64	69.93*
BIL	7.26	9.50	5.69
BCPL	12.74	10.98	6.38
SSPL	6.64	6.99	4.38*

'Provisional, Unaudited.

(c) The revival packages for all these four companies have since been approved by the BIFR and are under implementation. The revival packages, inter alia, envisage higher production/ sales, business/capital restructuring, reduction in excess manpower, financial support from the Government, cooperation and sacrifices from the cmplyees, etc.

(d) The estimated imports of drugs and pharmaceuticals were as under:

Years	Rs./Crorcs
1992-93	1100
1993-94	1440
1994-95	1800

Honouring the guincss record holder in stenography

2012. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) whether a proposal for financial grant has been made to the Ministry for honouring the Guiness Record Holder in Stenography; and

(b) if so, when was the proposal made